

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 29, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claim 1 is hereby amended; claims 28 and 29 are hereby canceled; and claims 30-51 are hereby added. Accordingly, claims 1 and 30-51 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 29 due to an informality; and rejected claims 1 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Song et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,657,695).

By the present amendment, Applicants hereby cancel claim 29 and, consequently, respectfully submit the objection to claim 29 is moot.

The rejection of claims 1 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Song et al. is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The effective reference date of Song et al. is its filing date, April 27, 2000. The present application, filed on November 13, 2003, is a continuation of Application No. 09/748,868, filed on December 28, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,671,020 on December 30, 2003. Accordingly, the present application claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 1999-67947, filed on December 31, 1999. Applicants will submit a certified English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 1999-67947 to supplement the certified copy of Korean Patent Application No. 1999-67947, acknowledged as having been received, upon receipt thereof. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit Song et al. is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and request withdrawal of the present rejection.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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